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New Traffic System For Kowloon

Double-Deck Buses In August

Double decker buses, to take over the Kowloon bus system early in August, will necessitate revision of the entire traffic scheme at the Star Ferry and along Nathan Road.

A number of "new traffic layouts" are now being considered by the Town Planning Committee and the Police's traffic department.

The main object will be to arrange a direct flow of passengers to and from the ferry without making it necessary for pedestrians to cross lines of privately owned vehicles and public buses in order to reach taxi and bus terminals, as is now mandatory.

To do this, the present bus stop will be taken over and replaced by a bus stop parallel and directly adjacent to the ferry wharf. A taxi stop will be arranged at another point parallel and directly adjacent to the wharf. A third point on the parallel curb will be arranged for embarking and alighting from private vehicles. In this way, no pedestrian will have to cross the flow of traffic to reach any vehicle.

The Banyan Trees

Banyan trees along Nathan Road present another problem for the double deckers.

The Traffic Department has submitted a plan whereby white lines will be drawn outside the trees and parallel with the curb. The buses will run outside these white lines except at stopping points, which will be marked and placed at convenient and treeless points along the curb. Other points inside the white line, not marked as bus stops, will be reserved for private parking.

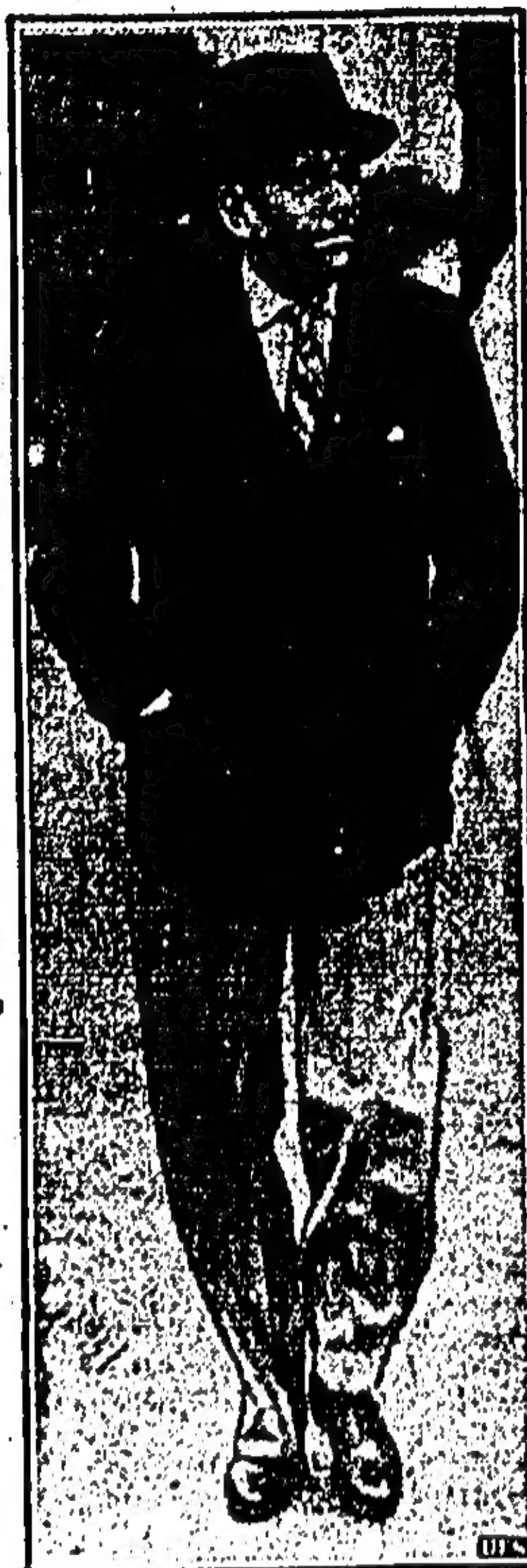
At present private parking along the shopping districts of Nathan Road is illegal. Variations on these plans are now being discussed by the Town Planning Committee and a final scheme should be decided upon in the near future.

Shanghai Daylight Saving Date

Shanghai, Mar. 11.—Daylight saving time will come into effect in Shanghai from April 1 according to a decision of the Electricity Supply Commission yesterday, which, however, has yet to be ratified by the Shanghai Municipal Government.

The commission's decision to begin daylight saving earlier than in former years is prompted by the necessity of economizing on power consumption. —Reuter.

JUMPED TO HIS DEATH



THE LATE JAN MASARYK

State Funeral For Jan Masaryk

WORLD SHOCKED BY HIS TRAGIC DEATH

Suicide Described As An Expression Of Despair

Prague, Mar. 10.—Dr Jan Masaryk, the 61-year-old Foreign Minister and son of M. Thomas Masaryk, founder of the Czech Republic, who jumped to his death from a window early today, is to be given a State funeral on Saturday with full military honours. The funeral procession will move through the city to Lany, the burial place of M. Thomas Masaryk. Lany is to be renamed Masarykovy Lany.

When the Czech Parliament held its first session since the crisis brought a Communist-dominated government into power, a huge pile of red and white flowers covered the seat Dr Masaryk should have occupied.

All flags on public buildings were flown at half mast and people gathered in groups in the streets, but there were no demonstrations.

M. Václav Nosek, the Minister of the Interior, made a short statement in Parliament after which the Speaker adjourned the Assembly for five minutes as a mark of mourning. M. Nosek said that during the previous evening, Dr Masaryk had been reading telegrams from his friends in America and Britain, expressing disappointment at what M. Nosek called "his brave behaviour" in joining the new government—an action which surprised Western observers.

Opposition supporters here were saying today that the suicide was an expression of despair at the situation in which the country finds itself.

Last week, after the new Government had been formed, Dr Masaryk, a life-long friend of Britain and America, declared: "My place is together with the people I love. You may reckon on me, I am one of you."

The news of the suicide caused great disturbance among members of the Government, and the first reaction of the authorities was to cut off all communications from abroad. These were restored after the official announcement.

It is thought here that the Foreign Minister's death will have few political repercussions, but he was one of the most popular figures in the recent events in Czechoslovakia. For his political views—he was non-party—and for his downright way of expressing himself.

M. Nosek, in his statement to Parliament, disclosed that Dr Masaryk's body was found half an hour after he threw himself from his window this morning. He should have been in the city hall to receive the new Polish Ambassador, Dr Masaryk stayed behind after the others in the party had left and talked with Dr Benes, M. Nosek said.

NERVOUS CRISIS

During the evening, Dr Masaryk had been his usual good spirit, but in the night a nervous crisis had developed. He was unable to sleep. Many cigarette ends were found in his room.

The crisis reached its climax at six o'clock this morning (local time), M. Nosek continued. Unable to control himself any longer, Dr Masaryk went into a bathroom adjoining his bedroom and threw himself from the window. In the recent crisis, Dr Masaryk had gone without hesitation on the side of the people's cause, and for that reason had become the object of invective attacks, M. Nosek said. "A good man has passed away," M. Nosek added.

PRAGUE MOURNS

Prague was a city of mourning with black flags flying in the breeze. Citizens stunned by the news, gathered round, black-edged posters announcing it.

It was not known tonight whether Dr Masaryk had left any letter of farewell, Prague Radio spoke of "depression", while Opposition supporters used the word "despair". One of those likely to be most affected by Dr Masaryk's death, is President Benes, who loses not only a personal friend but the only representative of Western thought left to support him in any attempt to put a brake to the policy of the new National Front.

The President is believed to be heartbroken at the tragic end to the son of his greatest friend and leader. Dr Masaryk's death has spread a depression among those who, like Dr Benes, had defined their policy as "East and West".

Many shops in Prague carried black draped photographs of Dr Masaryk in their windows with ac-

counts of his life. Newspapers brought out special editions. The Communist organ, Rude Pravo, gave only a passing mention of his death.

WORLD-WIDE REACTIONS
News despatches from many parts of the world described today the profound impression caused by the news of the suicide in Prague.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman declared: "Nothing could more clearly demonstrate the character of the recent events in Czechoslovakia and her betrayal by a minority taking its orders from abroad."

Asked if Dr Masaryk's suicide might have been influenced by criticism abroad, the spokesman said criticisms were directed, not against Dr Masaryk personally, but against the recent events in Czechoslovakia. The following is a selection of telegrams from Reuter correspondents in other centres:

Paris: French diplomatic circles saw the final proof of a total collapse of freedom in Czechoslovakia in Dr Masaryk's death, which should serve as a reminder to the Western European powers and the United States of the urgent need for joining their forces, economic, political and military, in a practical manner.

Frankfurt: Czechs who had into the Army and Navy, which should serve the Communist coup heard the news with shocked surprise.

One Czech said it might have the effect of "stiffening the resistance" within the country.

MASARYK'S DILEMMA
The German Democratic leader, Dr. Klement Gottwald, said at his headquarters in Hanover: "Dr Masaryk's suicide illustrates the dilemma of a man who, in a situation like that in Czechoslovakia, (Continued on Page 4)

"Reign Of Terror" In Czechoslovakia

Washington, Mar. 10.—Czechoslovakia is now under a "reign of terror", Mr George Marshall, the Secretary of State, said today.

Speaking of the suicide of Dr Jan Masaryk, today, Mr Marshall said: "It is tragic to have the things happening that have happened in Czechoslovakia, particularly what has happened to some of the officials as in the affair today of Dr Masaryk."

The American State Department said: "The tragic death of Dr Jan Masaryk has deepened the shadow cast on the observance a few days ago of the birthday anniversary of his father, Thomas Masaryk, by the extinction of Czechoslovak liberties which Thomas Masaryk founded." —Reuter.

Chennault Pleads Military Aid For China

Washington, Mar. 10.—Military aid to China would help stop "Russian aggression" in Europe, Major General Claire Chennault, who commanded the "Flying Tigers" volunteer air force in China before the outbreak of the Pacific War, told the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee today.

General Chennault, who flew here from China to give evidence on the \$570,000,000 Aid to China Bill, said failure to assist the Nanking Government would inevitably set the stage for World War III.

The general, now retired from the Army, heads a commercial airline in China.

The general told Congressmen: "China's enormous population could furnish almost unlimited manpower for military operations if properly trained, equipped and supplied."

"At least, the fact that they could not be dominated and trained as slave labour by Russian masters would be of utmost value to us."

"It is not difficult to understand why Russia would not voluntarily launch an offensive in Europe no longer as China remains uncommenced."

"Nor should it be hard to understand why a third world war is improbable if China remains our friend and ally."

STATEMENT SUMMARISED

General Chennault read a 13-page statement which ended with this summary:

"Firstly, world peace is definitely threatened by the worldwide expansion plans of the Communist leaders."

"Secondly, a strong, independent anti-Communist Chinese National Government constitutes our only hope of halting the spread of Communism in Asia and of preserving the peace of the world."

"China, because of its strategic geographical position, must be included in any overall plan for resisting the spread of Communism, for if China goes Communist, all of continental Asia will quickly follow and there will be no continental bases left to us."

"Thirdly, after more than 10 years of continuous warfare, China has almost reached the end of her resources. She must have substantial military, economic and financial aid to gain a little more hard currency, and the Government is to survive."

"The alternative is a Communist anti-American government."

"Fourthly, failure to provide adequate aid to China at this time will constitute the greatest failure of American foreign policy in all of our history and will inevitably set the stage for World War III."

REDS UNCONCERNED

General Chennault, who was called to Washington from Shanghai five days ago, testified: "I am convinced that our plans and preparations to date have caused Communist leaders very little, if any, real concern."

"In fact, it is more than likely they have fitted into Russia's long-range policy very nicely."

"While agitating the political waters of Europe with regularly and considerable violence, the Communist leaders cannot be deeply concerned with the European situation as it affects their ultimate objective."

"It is hardly conceivable that the expenditure of any sum of money, however enormous, could, within a reasonable period of years, rehabilitate the preponderantly anti-Communist states of Europe to a point where they could resist the full power of the Russian offensive for more than a few months."

"We are actually planning the rehabilitation by the expenditure of large sums of money and goods of a number of states in Europe whose people may have to accept communism at any time."

DOUBTFUL ASSET

"While we have concentrated our attention upon Europe, whose value is doubtful as an asset for the prevention of war or for the winning of a war which may be forced upon us, the Communists are pushing on rapidly with their plan for communising China."

"The Communist record in Asia since V-E Day indicates unmistakably that they have a very definite, well orientated plan for the communisation of continental Asia."

"It is my firm belief that the Communists will attack in the West until they have secured their eastern continental front by the communisation of China at least."

"It is also my firm belief that if, when China is communised, we will be confronted immediately with the necessity for deciding whether we will engage in a third world war, or retire to the defence of the American continents."

"It is obvious that under such conditions, our chance of defending the European states which remain outside the iron curtain at that time will not only be extremely doubtful but enormously expensive."

KEY TO WORLD PEACE

"In my opinion, China is the key to world peace, or to victory if a third world war is precipitated by accident or design."

"The leaders of Communism intend to communise all the nations of the world, either by peaceful infiltration and internal revolution, or by force of arms," General Chennault went on.

"I believe these men to be sincere when they proclaim they do not want war. War is destructive and they greatly prefer infiltration and internal revolution, but their emphasis on military preparations, and their refusal consistently to participate in a peaceful democratic world (Continued on Page 4)

EDITORIAL

The Anti-TB Problem

Dr T. P. Wu estimates that the incidence of Tuberculosis in Hongkong is 100,000 a year, with a death rate of 10,000. These are fearful figures which demand that tackling of the problem be placed top of the list of essential social and welfare work. The main burden of the fight falls upon the Hongkong Anti-TB Association, an officially recognised voluntary organisation whose executive officers possess a clear vision, not only of the immensity of the problem, but of the most effective methods of solving it. The budget, as usual, is money. A limited amount of curative work involves annual average cost of \$2,500 per bed, and if the Association is eventually to expand its activities to mitigation of infection by segregation, and finally to preventive work, it will probably require an annual endowment of anything up to \$50,000,000. These too are frightening figures and possibly Hongkong will not be able to afford the full anti-TB service of which it is so painfully in need, for some years to come. Wisely, the Anti-TB Association is taking first things first. Its initial objective is a sanatorium for curative treatment—a costly undertaking, but made realisable in the comparatively near future by Government's willingness to hand over the old Naval Hospital site in Wanhsai when it is surrendered by the Admiralty and by the generous gift of \$50,000 by Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee. There will be general approval, too, that Government intends to identify itself with the scheme even further by an annual contribution

of \$150,000. These are gestures which should encourage the community generally to give as freely as possible to the fund which will build and maintain a sanatorium. Even when these facilities are available, the work of the Association will be extremely heavy. At present the sanatorium is designed to provide 100 beds, which, in the light of Dr Wu's estimated rate of incidence, affords small scope for combatting Tuberculosis. Nevertheless, so pitifully inadequate are present facilities, that a sanatorium will constitute the most progressive step yet made against this endemic disease in Hongkong. The problem here is complex, and its solution, as Dr Wu has pointed out, is hindered as much by ignorance as by overcrowding, lack of hygiene and nutritional misconceptions. Fear too of modern treatment, is a handicap to anti-TB work. The idea of the family being broken up by segregation for indefinite periods of its TB-infected members, discourages authorities from reporting to the authorities, with the inevitable result, that infection spreads. The Anti-TB Association is already paying some attention to this aspect of its work, but possibly the propaganda field could be widened and directed in such a manner that many of the fears which now discourage so many from disclosing their infection, will be removed. As for the more immediate requirements—subscriptions for the construction and maintenance of a sanatorium—we gladly commend it to the public for most sympathetic and generous support.

RUSSIA WILL COMPROMISE

Austrian Peace Treaty Statement

London, Mar. 10.—The Russian delegate, N. P. Koltimov, indicated at a meeting of the deadlocked Deputy Foreign Ministers on Wednesday that the Soviet Union is willing to compromise with the Western Powers on an Austrian peace treaty.

Russia "will not insist upon every letter of the Soviet proposal," he told the Deputies who met for the 74th time without agreement on Russian claims for former German assets in Austria.

Reporting this new Russian approach, a British observer quoted Samuel Reber, U.S. Deputy, as saying that the time has come to build a "bridge across the gap" separating Russian and Western views.

Russian claims include \$200,000,000 in cash within two years, two-thirds of the nation's oil production for 50 years and control of the Danube Shipping Company.—Associated Press.

HK Not Heavily Overstocked With "Frozen" Exports

Mr E. Himsforth, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department, commented yesterday on questions in Parliament in which Conservative MPs asked Mr George Bottomley, Secretary for Overseas Trade, what was being done with exports destined for China which had been held up in Hongkong for the past six months.

Mr Himsforth said that there are, at present only three lines of goods of which were seriously overstocked in the Colony. These are heavy chemicals, foodstuffs, and a few luxury items, such as plasticware. Moreover, surplus in these goods, most of which were scheduled to be delivered to Shanghai and were diverted to Hongkong when they were prohibited Shanghai import licences, had been steadily working off during the past few months.

Mr Himsforth did not feel that there was a serious over-supply of goods in the Colony at present. He said, as Mr Bottomley had told Parliament, that it was impossible to distinguish goods imported in Hongkong for resale, or on shipment to China from those destined for other markets.

He continued by saying that he did not fully understand the remarks of Mr Walter Fletcher, Conservative, when he suggested in Parliament that "it was the Board of Trade's duty to release them" (frozen surplus goods) and redistribute them to a little more hard currency, and he felt that the London press report had not been fully reported.

Except such goods as those on the prohibited export list, no goods are held up here by the Government, he said. They are free to go when they want and where they want.

From time to time, a large surplus develops in certain and varying goods, usually brought about by entry refusal in Shanghai. But the surplus, he said, usually works off in a few months and in general goods flow through the Colony at the same rate as they did during the nearly post-war period.

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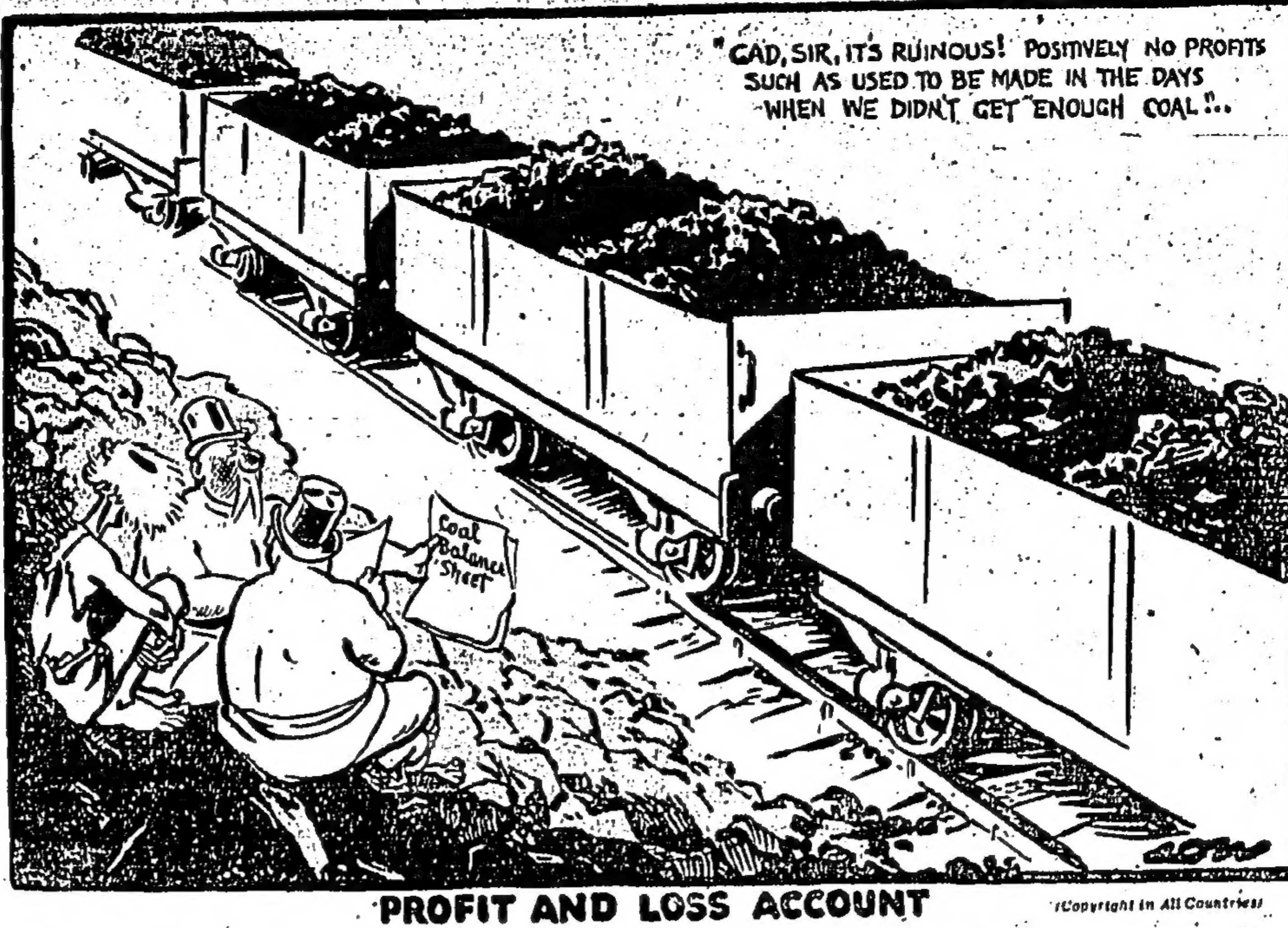
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A BRITISH BUSINESSMAN VISITS JAPAN

By a Correspondent of the 'Financial Times'

IT is difficult for a British trader to visit Japan today without coming away with a feeling of frustration. Not that the American officials, who are the real power in the land, do not try to be helpful.

But the British businessman starts willy-nilly with so many disadvantages—no air mail arrangements, no telephone communication with London, inadequate telegraphic facilities—that he feels hopelessly ill-equipped to cope with the bureaucratic wrangling, which commercial dealings of any sort always involve. He is surrounded on all sides by bureaucratic machinery—and the machinery tends to creak.

Direct commercial dealings between the Japanese and the foreign businessmen are still not permitted. All negotiations for the export of goods must go through the Japanese Board of Trade (Boeki Cho). That would be bad enough.

Ultimate Decision

BUT, in fact, Boeki Cho is not the real authority: the ultimate decision rests with SCAP (Supreme Command for the Allied Powers).

The channels of communication between the foreign trader and the Japanese manufacturer tend therefore to be somewhat sluggish, passing as they do through the ramifications of two entirely separate bureaucratic organisations.

Quite apart from the inevitable delays which this procedure involves, the day-to-day practice of officialdom varies, and is often extremely hard to follow.

Perhaps the most vexed problem in this connection is the rate of exchange between the dollar and yen. Since there is no direct exchange between the yen and any other foreign currency, this matter is fundamental for the British trader in Japan.

Exchange Rate

THE official rate is about 50 yen to the dollar; but if this rate were made effective for Japan's export trade the results in terms of prices would in most cases be quite fantastic.

The costs on which the Japanese manufacturer bases his prices are, naturally enough, based on the internal cost of living and here the relationship between the two currencies is nearer 300-400 yen to \$1.

In order to obviate the discrepancies between the internal and external prices, which must therefore arise, SCAP has invented a "sliding rate of exchange".

This is supposed to bring Japanese prices into relation with those ruling on world markets.

The object is laudable enough, but the procedure whereby it is translated into practice sometimes has a nightmarish quality.

World prices are taken—not unnaturally, since officials are themselves American—as those current in New York or Chicago.

The method of determining the true price of any Japanese product

under discussion can therefore on occasion be startlingly simple. "Cladys," says the official to his secretary, tossing the article concerned on to her desk "what would you reckon to pay for this back home?" Cladys states her views. "Oh, about four dollars." "Four dollars it is, then."

And if the Japanese manufacturer has previously demanded 800 yen for it, the rate of exchange is thereby fixed at 200 yen to the dollar.

Extreme Case

Now this is undoubtedly an extreme case; it would be wrong to regard it as typical of the everyday procedure in the commercial departments of SCAP.

Nevertheless, the same basic principle, that of using a more or less arbitrary U.S. price level to determine the "true" rate of exchange for a manufacturer in Kobe or Osaka, was in evidence in other seemingly more sophisticated calculations.

Frequently, no proper allowance is made for retail and wholesale margins or for transport costs. And even when these obvious errors are avoided, the rough-and-ready method of calculation is responsible for some curious results.

For instance, there was a case when a large consignment of made-up textiles of widely varying quality was assessed for an average price (providing the basis for a "fair" rate of exchange) on a purely weight basis—no account being taken of the large differences in processing costs between one article and another.

Ad Hoc Body

IN fairness to SCAP, it is an ad hoc organisation and regards itself as such.

It is not surprising that an efficient army headquarters suddenly converted into an export-import agency cum Ministry of Finance covering the economic activities of some 80 million people should find difficulty in coping with some of the problems it has to face.

Secondly, the SCAP officials themselves were, on the whole, adaptable people, ready in most cases to admit and rectify mistakes when it could be shown they had been made.

Furthermore, they are evidently concerned to avoid any suggestion of discrimination against non-American businessmen.

Whether the individual policy decisions formulated at the highest level are based on the same theory of equality of opportunity is, however, more doubtful.

Dealings in important commodities like cotton have up till now been entirely centralised in the hands of two American organisations, the C.C.C. (Commodity Credit Corporation) and the U.S.C.C. (United States Commercial Company).

The former buys raw materials and disposes of them to the Japanese; the latter is concerned with finished products manufactured by Japanese, which it sells on the world market. This system of monopoly trading both at the supply and distribution ends gives decisive advantages to American interests.

In the case of cotton it means that quantities of low-grade cotton are required for dollars in the U.S. market and then the finished textiles are sold later, wherever dollars can be obtained for them.

A sizable profit can be made at both stages of the process. The U.S.C.C.—the selling organisation—has ceased to operate since the beginning of the New Year.

But during the autumn when I was in Japan it was the sole authority for the sale of cotton textiles, in which I was interested.

The new arrangement which transfers the functions of the U.S.C.C. to a recently formed Japanese Trading Committee, should, judging from my own experience, make things easier for the private trader.

The U.S.C.C. would conduct its negotiations on a Government-to-Government basis only, and in consequence the individual businessman had to place his orders through an official buying mission.

Urgent Need

THE demise of the U.S.C.C. will therefore complete one stage in the process of simplifying the relationship between buyer and seller in the Japanese market.

Much still remains to be done. For instance, there is an urgent need for the services of the old Japanese merchant firms.

Before the war foreign trade was conducted largely through them, and the typical foreign importer relied on them to obtain the merchandise required at the most economic price.

Today, owing to the prohibition of private trade, they are unable to fulfil their proper functions. Every thing has to go through Boeki Cho, the Japanese Board of Trade.

Recently, some attempt has been made in circumventing this particular difficulty by allowing the Japanese merchant firms to act as "agents" for foreign traders.

Ultimate Authority

THE compromise is a typical product of the present state of transition of the Japanese economy.

Boeki Cho is still the ultimate authority and in theory the foreign trader must negotiate with it alone; the "agent" is let in, so to say, by the back door, and he must try to think there is work to be done.

But for the British trader all these things appear as inconveniences, compared with the overriding difficulty of currency control—or better still, the lack of it. There is no yen-sterling rate. Indeed, I had the impression on more than one occasion that several of the officials concerned with the matter had only the vaguest notion what "sterling" really was.

Certainly, there seemed to be no appreciation of the fact that over 30 percent of Japan's prewar trade took place with countries that are now in the sterling area, and that Japanese rehabilitation was being hampered by the lack of the financial

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

COLONEL WRETCH stared angrily at Wugwell. Then, unluckily, he used the very words which had started the uproar—"To what do I owe the pleasure—?"

He got no further. At the word pleasure the cheering broke out again. Never was there a happier little group.

Moreover, the festive sounds induced other members of Wugwell's circus, who had been lurking in the grounds, to slip in through side doors or open windows, and so mingle with the throng in the drawing-room.

There were Battista the Snake-Woman, and Lo Fung the Human Wheelbarrow, and Fifiella, Empress of the Tightrope. And soon the dwarfs had begun to tumble and leap, and the Persians were using a loose book-shelf to improvise a saw.

Innocent gaiety

IN a corner of the room the Colonel was roaring at his wife, demanding an explanation of this strange incursion. But Mrs Wretch could not make herself heard. By now the dwarfs had begun to be impudent. Churm Rincewind was shouting, "Send up tea for forty!" and Scorpion de Rooftrouser, Edeledele Edell and Molony Tubilderborst were playing trains round and round Amaninter, Axling and Listeria Youghaupt. Franks Gillygottle was half way up the chimney and Guttergorm Guttergormton was barking at him. Anselmo was producing the flags of all the nations from his mouth. Never had the rafters of Wretch Manor rung with such wholehearted merriment.

Among the books

How to Feed Ferrets, by Constance Blood. In a modest foreword Miss Blood says that she has done nothing but feed ferrets for thirty-one years. If this is true her book should become a standard work on ferret-feeding.

Whither, Formosa? by Marcus Draut, M.A. The author who prefers the burly-burly of politics to the more domestic annals of the lowly ferret will be deeply interested in this account of a six months' tour of Formosa. The author was one of the party of six M.P.s whose mission of good will ended so abruptly.

Unfermented Fish, by Timothy Tailbores. These poems by the author of "Puntin Crocker" show a mastery of form and language equalled only by an almost physical integrity of subject.

Giant boxer caught in mouse-trap

The shepherd on the lonely height, wrapped in his warm overcoat, (Morning paper).

"ALWAYS keep the oversheep separated from the overgoats," commented a well-known passer-by.

FACTS

JULIUS Caesar designed the first calendar 2,000 years ago.

Hand grenades were used by U.S. Marines who served under John Paul Jones during the American Revolution.

Dandelion comes from the French denta-de-lion, meaning tooth of lion. It was so called because the leaves of this plant are notched like lions' teeth in profile.

Rings of a tree tell not merely the age, but the history of droughts, periods of factors affecting a tree's health.

Undulant fever in humans is traceable to Bang's disease in cattle as well as to brucellosis in swine, according to the University of Illinois Agriculture College.

A pig with pneumonia usually has chills and fever, accompanied by difficult and rapid breathing, commonly called "rumps."

A device so sensitive it can weigh a fingerprint is one of the research tools being used by scientists in tests aimed at improving jet engines.

An American manufacturing company reports that one of its merchandising experts began his career as a door-to-door salesman, offering "No Peddlers Allowed" signs.

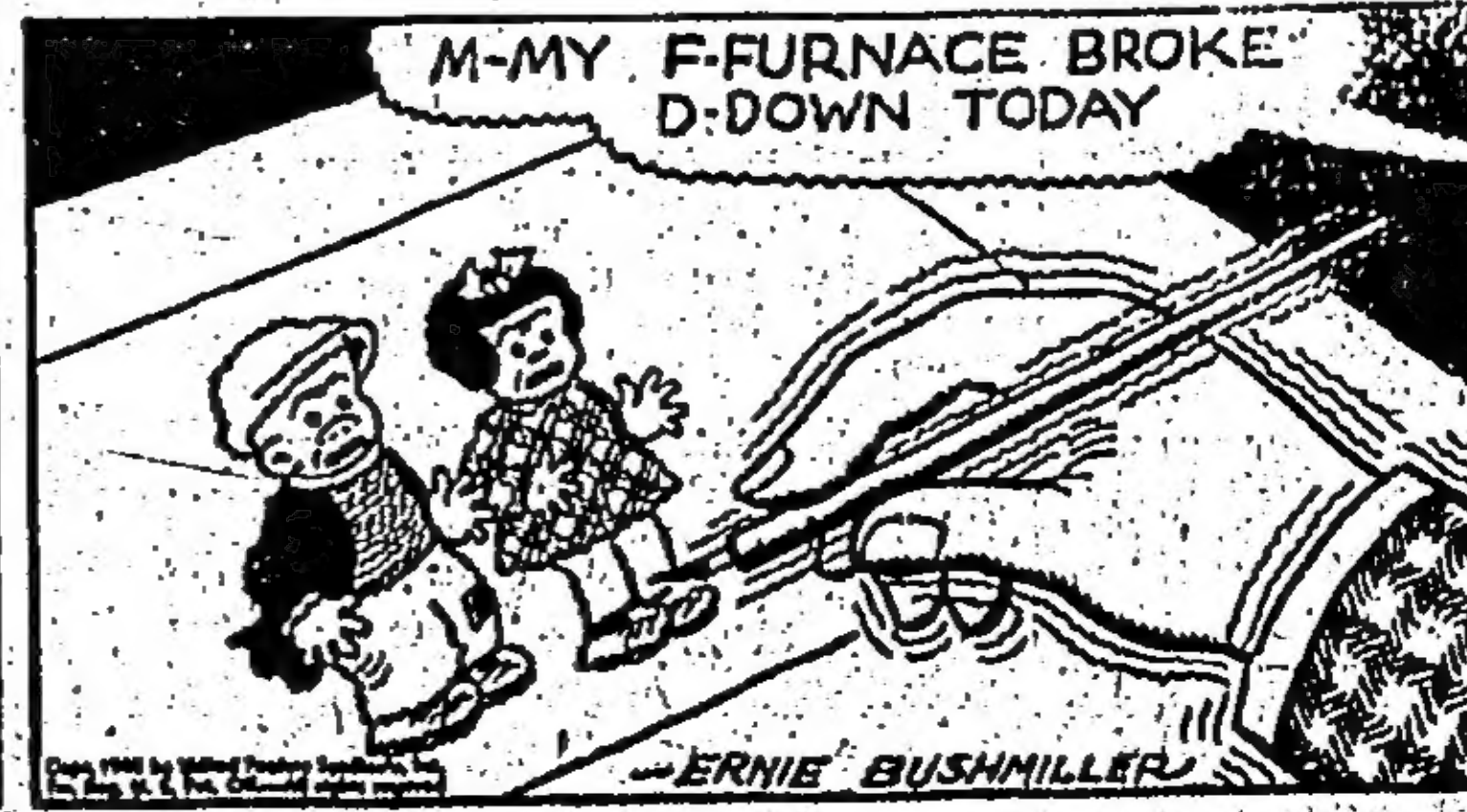
Constant brown or black discoloration of the skin about the ankles is characteristic of an insufficiency of venous circulation.

According to J. Edgar Hoover, 85 to 90 percent of the driving accidents in many large cities are caused directly by persons who break traffic laws.

The Black Hills area of South Dakota is said to be the oldest mountain area on the North American continent.

A mature milk cow will drink an average of 15 gallons of water a day; a horse, 10; a pig, two, and a sheep, one gallon.

NANCY ... And It's C-c-c-cold



By Ernie Bushmiller



Women BEAUTY ARTS

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Your hands need care, your nails will respond.

HANDY NOTES!

There are many different theories about what makes fingernails brittle. Dry climate, diet, dishwashing, typing, all of these have their supporters. And, of course, the longer the nails are the more danger of breakage. That's one reason why we hear more groans of "Heavens, there goes another nail!" from the long-nailed ladies than from those who wear their nails shorter.

Opinions vary about nail polish also. Some people prefer to let their nails "rest" for a few days every now and then on the theory that polish is hard on the nails. Others believe that the polish actually helps to preserve the nails by helping them to resist wear.

It is interesting in the light of these arguments, to study the reports of one of the country's best equipped laboratories on their recent studies of the brittle-nail problem. From these findings we learn that it's not so much whether or not to wear polish as whether we wear the right kind of polish.

Nails split or break off in layers usually because they have been deprived of the moisture necessary to keep them flexible. Nails need contact with the air to obtain and retain their moisture. They must not be "smothered" by a polish that shuts off this moisture. If the nails are "sealed" by the polish so that the polish is kept out, the nails tend to dry out and become brittle. That's why it is important to wear a mesh-like polish which permits the passage of moisture to the nails.

And modern polishes are mesh-like and porous as well as insulating and brilliant. Polishes of this kind are water-permeable, letting the moisture through and so allow the nails to adjust to different temperatures and remain flexible.

There are two important sources from which this moisture is drawn: the blood stream and the air. Diet also affects the nails. A properly balanced diet, high in calcium content, such as milk and other dairy foods, tends to strengthen the nails.

Prize-Winning Recipe

This is a prize-winning recipe for a date cream tart, to be eaten hot or cold.

Short crust or biscuit pastry may be used.

The following ingredients are needed: Six ounces short crust or biscuit pastry, 1 dessertspoon butter, 1 tablespoon flour, 1½ cups milk, 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind, 1 cup stoned dates, ¼ cup sugar, 2 eggs, 2 extra tablespoons sugar for meringue, vanilla.

Roll short crust thinly, line a 7in. tart plate. Prick base of tart with a fork. Bake in hot oven, 450 degrees 15 to 20 minutes. Melt butter, add flour, cook 2 or 3 minutes without browning. Add milk, stir until mixture boils and thickens.

Fold in finely chopped dates, lemon rind, and egg yolks beaten with sugar. Fill into pastry case and allow to become quite cold. Whip egg whites stiffly, gradually add sugar, and beat to meringue consistency. Flavour with vanilla. Pile roughly on to tart.

Return to very moderate oven until meringue is set and lightly browned.

Soviet Iron Curtain May Drop On Ballet

Alexandra Danilova, world famous Russian ballet dancer, says her native country, having censured its composers and painters for producing works "tainted with capitalism," will probably get around to the ballet next and find that it is "corrupt" and "un-Communist."



MR JAMSON HUANG, Chinese lyric tenor, who is giving a recital in aid of Seventh Day Adventist funds next Tuesday at St Stephen's College.

TREMENDOUS CHINA CIVIL WAR TOLL

What the civil war has cost China so far may well be gauged from the statement made by Major-General Teng Wen-yi, Information Director of the Ministry of National Defence, according to whom the Chinese Communists during 1947 alone destroyed mines and factories and other equipment amounting to US\$10,000,000,000.

Moreover, the Communists destroyed construction materials and rolling stock enough to furnish China with 7,000 miles of railroads, reports Reuter.

General Teng Wen-yi's statement revealed that the Government forces fought 82 battles with the Communist Army in 1947 and inflicted 760,000 casualties on them, thus bringing to 1,387,567 the total number of Communist casualties since V-J Day. The Government forces on the other hand, lost 500,000 men since two years ago.

Confessing the Communist rebels for the inhuman methods they employed to wipe out non-sympathetic elements and to force people to join their units, General Teng Wen-yi said that the Communist prisoners and students who had escaped from Communist-controlled areas revealed that the population of North China and Manchuria had been reduced by about 20,000,000 since V-J Day. Moreover, 14,000,000 others in these areas had been driven from their homes in the last 12 months.

Peasant Spearheads

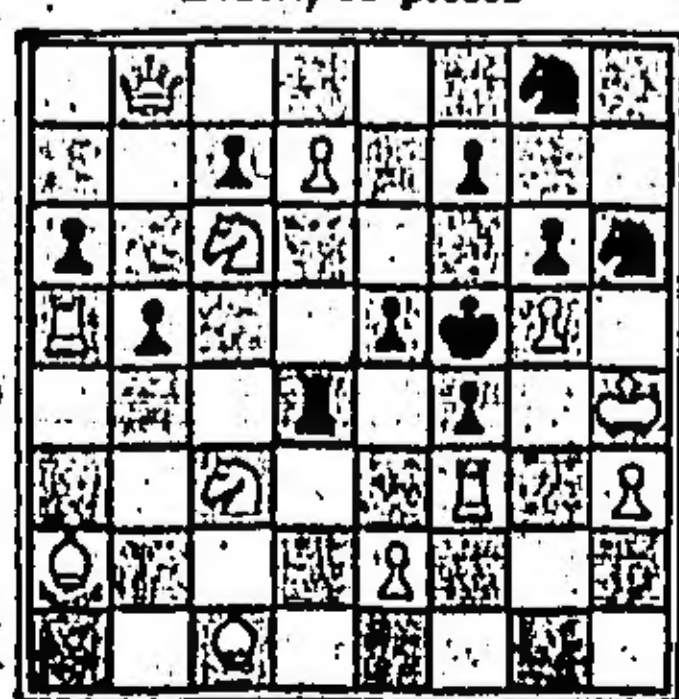
Peasants in North China and Manchuria have been divided into five groups and earmarked for training under several leading Communist generals. These men—according to the statement—are given a short period of training and then forced "at gunpoint" to spearhead Communist drives.

The Communist way of drafting peasants has aroused such hatred among the people of North China, it is claimed, that they have organised "People's Militia" units to defend themselves.

According to official figures, in Honan Province alone these "People's Militia" units in 1947 killed more than 73,000 Communists for their own loss of only 18,000.—Reuter.

CHESS PROBLEM

By P. H. BARRON
Black, 11 pieces



White, 12 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B-Kt6 any; 2. Q. R. or Kt mate.

The beautiful, blue-eyed, au-burn-haired teacher, who is performing in New York as the leading ballerina of the Ballet Russe De Monte Carlo, denounced Soviet censorship of art as "absurd" and "dangerous" in an interview with United Press reporter, Ruth Constad.

Danilova, fled from Russia in 1928. She said she found more freedom of interpretation in "capitalist countries."

"You cannot set limitations to art," Danilova insisted in her Russian-accented English. "You must allow artists freedom of expression."

Although Russia has always led the world in the ballet, Danilova predicted its turn is coming for criticism by the Soviet council.

And her turn would come, too, if she were still dancing in Russia.

Dance Labelled Bourgeois

"I am sure that my country would consider my interpretation of the dance as bourgeois and corrupted by all the capitalist countries I have danced in," the petite prima donna said smilingly.

Danilova said she is sure Russia soon will be condemning its own ballet as "frivolous" and "unpolitical." Such ballets as "Tschikowsky's 'Swan Lake' and 'Giselle' are without a moral, she said, and much too poetic for the Communists. "In Russia anything frivolous, light or glamorous is denounced as useless. Russia would approve only of those ballets interpreting the life of the farmer or miner or some other working man type."

She waved an expressive hand. "Try dancing the part of a miner with entreechats and pirouettes. Such nonsense."

Danilova explained Russia condemns an art form not because it thinks the melody of a composition or the colours of a picture glorify capitalism, but because the work appeals only to a chosen few instead of the masses.

Forgetting The Humdrum

"As though anything beautiful would not appeal to the masses as much as to the select few who patronise the arts."

"You don't have to bring folk dancing or barn dancing into the ballet to make the ordinary folks like it," Danilova said. "They'd rather lose themselves in a beautiful ballet and forget their humdrum existence."

Danilova recalled that when she entered school in Russia as a girl to study ballet, the government discouraged experimentation.

"Then we could interpret as we liked," she said. "When I see now that all the poetry and romance must leave the ballet if it is to be acceptable to the Communist Party, I am glad that I left."

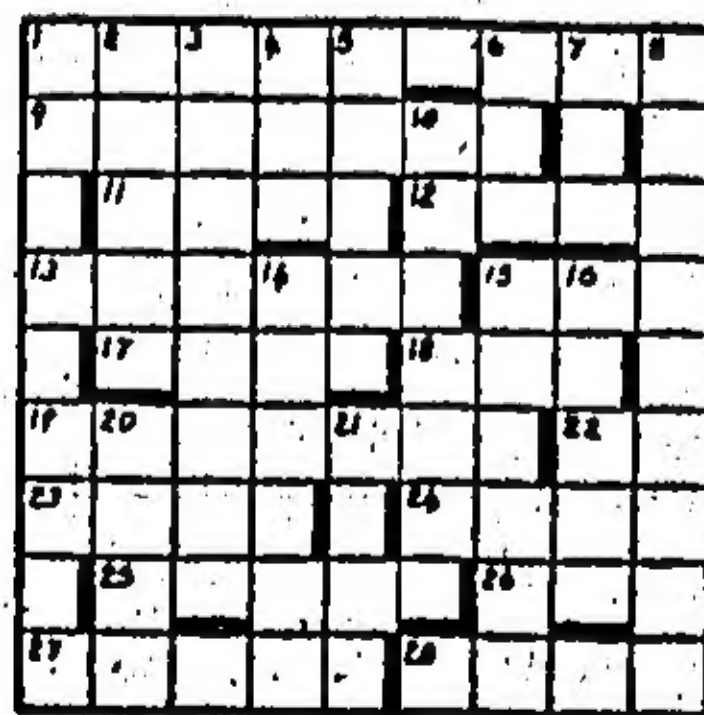
The ballerina has since performed in every country in Europe and in South America.

HE SHOULD BE IN HON. CIRCUS

The Tokyo newspaper Nippon Times, in a feature story describing the Emperor Hirohito's efforts to humanise himself, says:

"It is not every man who can take a fan between his toes and fan himself. Not only can Emperor Hirohito perform this stunt, but he is able to do so while swimming. He can also swim in the rain, holding an open umbrella in one hand."

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Stains volume. (6)
2. Companion. (6)
3. Mother follows this to the movies. (8)
4. If this is red Yorkshire claims it. (8)
5. Call in here for return orders. (8)
6. This thing means money. (8)
7. Bold. (7)

Down
8. With this before me I multiply. (2)
9. To be found in Winchester. (4)
10. The drops are forerunners of spring. (4)
11. Credit this for the old hag. (3)
12. Gum tree for the old hag. (3)
13. Top of the bill. (4)
14. It is usually pointing to a fault. (3)
15. Again about the dog. (5)
16. Distinction. (3)
17. Point to this from the cherry. (3)
18. Edward junior. (8)
19. Defeat. (3)
20. The heart deserves the pair to feed. (Xmas). (7)
21. Lower. (6)
22. Impossible when canteen is broken. (6)
23. Almost a baron. (5)
24. A loud. (4)
25. Saucy. (4)

Rupert's Silver Trumpet—23



While Rupert and the toy corporal have been talking, more and more tiny soldiers have been walking down the sunbeams until the little pals are surrounded by them. The corporal looks very stern. "We are the guards of Winter Castle, the home of Santa Claus," he says. "We were summoned here by the sound of the trumpet, and see, there is the trumpet, our very own trumpet, in your hand." He frowns darkly. "Explain this, little bear, or there will be trouble in store for you!"

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DUMB BELLS



LESSON HAND

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Various Responses To Opening 2 Bid

108742		108	
♠	QJ53	♥	QJ105
♦	QJ53	♣	QJ105
♠	QJ53	♥	QJ105
♦	QJ53	♣	QJ105
♠	QJ53	♥	QJ105
♦	QJ53	♣	QJ105
♠	QJ53	♥	QJ105
♦	QJ53	♣	QJ105

Lesson Hand—Neither vul.

South West North East

2 ♠ Pass 4 N.T. Pass

3 ♠ Pass 6 ♣ Pass

7 ♠ Pass 7 ♠ Pass

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By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

THERE are many different responses employed today for the two bid. One group of players uses an opening two bid as a weakness bid, signifying a hand that is not strong enough to open with a one bid. It is used as a semi-preemptive bid, and of course there is the group which uses the forcing two bid.

Eastern players have developed a series of responses to the two-bid as follows: With two aces, bid four no trump over your partner's two bid; with only one ace, bid the suit headed by the ace, without an ace, but holding a trick and a half consisting of either three kings or king-queen of one suit and king of another, bid three no trump. If you have none of these holdings, but you do have four trumps and a singleton, or a king and one jump to four of your partner's suit.

Today's hand is an example of bidding employing this convention. The two spade bid by South is a game demand bid. North's bid of four no trump simply shows two aces.

South is pretty sure then that they are going for a slam, and his heart bid is definitely a slam try. North jumps to six spades to indicate that in addition to the two aces he has a good spade suit. Thus it is easy for South to bid seven spades, which is made against any opening.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What motion picture company made the first newsreel?
2. What famous city square is noted for its pigeons?
3. Who was called the "laughing philosopher"?
4. For how long a time was nothing heard from David Livingstone when he was exploring Africa?
5. What is sericulture?

(Answers on Page 4)

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